

ORLEANS

Mrs. Ella Kitson of Grattan and Mr. and Mrs. John Van Giesen were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Treynor.

The funeral of Mrs. Grace B. Meyers which was held at the home of her mother, Mrs. Fannie Eckert, in Orleans Tuesday, August 8, at 10:00 a. m., was conducted by Rev. E. W. Morse. The interment was made in the Orleans cemetery. Out-of-town relatives were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fellers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garrett and Mrs. S. Denehy of Ionia, Mrs. Agnes Gries of Ann Arbor, Mr. and Mrs. Will Vanloten and family of Stanton and Mrs. George Hopkins.

Dr. Morris and family of Nashville spent Sunday with their old-time friend, Dr. Wilkinson and family. Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson is entertaining her sister, Miss Theresa Moss of Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ernest Dodds and Elmer and Donald of Detroit were guests of Mrs. O. Purdy and family Saturday.

John Arnwine of Belding called on friends here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Coleman of Mt. Pleasant were over Sunday guests at E. M. York's.

Marion York attended a family reunion and picnic at Baldwin Lake Thursday. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robertson of Ionia.

Mrs. Eckenroff returned home Saturday after taking care of Mrs. W. S. Purdy for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Geo. Woodbridge spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. O. H. York.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Conner attended the Conner family reunion Thursday, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gordon in Easton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chub Olmstead and family of Grand Ledge returned home Monday night, after spending a week with relatives.

Mrs. Harl Eckert of Belding spent Thursday with her cousin, Mrs. Fannie Eckert.

Mrs. Will Vanloten of Stanton returned home Monday after a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Electa Towne and other relatives.

Mrs. Chas. Finney of Bakersfield, California visited her friend, Mrs. A. P. Sabine, the past week and will visit friends in Easton, Belding and Jackson before returning home.

The Orleans Farmers' club will hold their annual picnic at Long Lake August 24. Everybody bring dishes and come.

Mrs. Alva Face and Mrs. John King helped Mrs. Lydia Alderman celebrate her eighty-six birthday last week.

Mrs. Chas. Leach and Mrs. Fern Chapin and Mrs. Wm. Cotton are calling on friends in Orleans and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young, Marie, and Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Young Sunday with relatives in Orange.

There will be an ice cream social at the M. E. church Saturday evening, August 19, given by the Orleans Epworth league. Everybody is invited.

Mrs. George Hoppough spent part

of the past week with her parents. Mrs. Guy Glazier and Mrs. Robert Howe and Miss Onah Musselman motored to Ionia Saturday.

Mrs. Ernest Leach has returned home after spending four weeks at Mt. Pleasant attending the summer school.

Mrs. Al. Sherwood is spending a few days with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Palmer spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Sherwood is spending a few days with her son, Al. Sherwood. Program for the W. C. T. U. Institute to be held at the Orleans M. E. church August 25, 1916:

9:00 Song Service.....Mrs. Ehlers
9:15 Devotional.....Mrs. Dann
9:25 Business.....
9:35 Song.....
9:40 Paper.....Legal Departments

Lyons
9:50 Recitation.....Palo
9:55 Campaign Plans.....Belding
10:05 Solo.....Mrs. Murray
10:10 "Winning New Members....."

Portland
10:20 Recitation.....Shiloh
10:25 Discussion of Social Depart-
ments.....Mrs. Sarah Howe, Orleans
10:55 Song.....

11:00 Evangelistic Work.....Rev. Morse
Orleans
11:15 Parliamentary Drill.....
Lake Odessa
11:30 Picnic Dinner.....

Church Dining Room
1:30 Song Service.....Mrs. Ehlers
1:40 Devotional.....Rev. Morse
1:50 Recitation.....Saranac
1:55 Demonstrations.....Orleans
2:05 Solo.....Onah Musselman
2:10 Paper.....Educational Depart-
ments.....Ionia

2:30 Duet.....
Grace Anderson, May Wilkinson
2:35 Address.....
3:25 Song.....
Benediction.....

SOUTH ORLEANS

Don Prentiss threshed grain in this neighborhood last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Johnson and Mrs. Libbie Abbey spent Sunday at Al. Meade's.

Alvin Flint has moved his family to Vestaburg.

Mrs. Chas. Doty of Ionia visited at Ernest Woodbridge's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Abbey and son, Harold, spent Sunday evening at Alva Hill's.

Mr. and Mrs. Vick Clark autoed to Lakeview Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hill and son, Harry, accompanied them as far as Greenville, where they stopped to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. Andrews.

Wellington Gardner's new house is up and work is being pushed along fast. The house is a bungalow and is a dandy.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Woodbridge called at Fred Howe's Sunday. Fred has been seriously sick but is getting better.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Warner and Mrs. Kate Tuttle and Minnie Haney of Ionia autoed up to the farm Sunday evening.

Mrs. S. L. Magers and children of Marquette are visiting her sisters, Mrs. Ernest and Edward Woodbridge.

BRINK

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snow and Mr. and Mrs. Will Krick and children motored to Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Snow's Sunday and all went to Ionia for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Norton of Ionia visited with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brink Sunday. In the afternoon Mrs. Chris Choate called and together they all had a good visit.

Mrs. Emory Chickering has canned 116 quarts of huckleberries and is not through yet and says she picked the most of them herself.

Miss Alfreda Wells and Miss Helen Hudson of Belding were entertained by Donald and Harold Cooper Saturday. They enjoyed the day's outing very much and the good dinner with ice cream among the other good things.

Mrs. John Reeves and children of Cook's Corners visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chickering Saturday and Sunday. In the afternoon John Reeves visited there.

Geo. Wiley was a caller at M. L. Howe's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Chickering and son, Alton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chickering Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wid Howe of Greenville attended the King reunion at the city park in Belding last Thursday, remaining over to visit her sisters, Mrs. M. J. Holcomb and Mrs. L. C. Devendorf and other relatives. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leach and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leach and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Leach Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Clare Tollerton and daughter, Viola, of Muskegon are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Chase for a while.

GRATTAN

Visitors at Geo. Rhodes' the past week were Mrs. Laura Clemons of Belding, her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Chase, of Lansing, Ray Rhodes and family of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Myrtle Crusoe of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Aaron Norton, and Mrs. S. Matice of Grattan and Mrs. Lottie Reed of Ann Arbor left last week for New York to visit relatives for a few days.

Ed. Barden and daughter, Hazel, left Saturday for New York to visit his relatives. They will make the trip with his auto.

Miss Laura Manly of Minneapolis, Minn., visited her friend, Mrs. Mildred Donovan, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Arver and daughter, Ruth, of Grand Rapids visited several days last week at J. Ockerberg's.

Frank Randall of Cedar Springs was calling on old friends one day last week.

Artaneo Burbano is spending a few days at Aaron Norton's.

Mrs. Elzy Davis visited at Jay Norton's last Wednesday.

The Ladies' Aid was held at Mrs. James Donovan's last week Thursday. Officers were elected.

Mrs. Richards of Grand Rapids has been spending the past week at Sam Brownell's.

Everyone sympathizes with Mr. and Mrs. Will Lessiter for the loss of their infant son.

Platt Rowland, wife and daughter, Edith, attended the old settlers' picnic at the Courtland Grange hall last Saturday.

Ray and Howard McArthur and Peter Elkins and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Jack Howard in Cedar Springs Saturday.

(Last Week's Letter)

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ockerberg now ride in a new 1917 Briscoe car.

The Misses Agnes and Susie Youngs of Lake Drive, Grand Rapids have been spending a few days with their cousin, Miss Hazel Borden.

About thirty of Ray Osmer's young friends gave him a surprise last Wednesday evening, it being his 16th birthday. All enjoyed a nice time. Ice cream and cake were served.

James Donovan and Lawrence Loomis are working for Claude Elkins on the threshing machine.

Ray Horton of Evans is working for Tom Donovan in the blacksmith shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hatchew left for Stanton Saturday evening, after spending several days in Grattan. They will locate in Casnovia, where Mr. Hatchew has purchased a garage.

Wesley Borden and wife of Grand Rapids will spend two weeks here. They will enjoy fishing and bathing. Mr. and Mrs. Borden are living in Jay Steele's house.

Luther Elkins visited his son, Claude, a few days last week.

SARANAC

Mrs. Ed. Keeler is spending several days in Lowell visiting Mrs. Geo. Misner and Mrs. Clifford Hatch.

T. O. Hartwell and wife and J. Clyde Watt and wife motored to Grand Rapids for dinner and to attend Romona.

Mrs. Elizabeth Youngs spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

The Saranac and Freepoint base ball teams played a game in Saranac Sunday with the score resulting very greatly in favor of Freepoint.

The body of Ernest Stevens, aged twenty-eight, of Grand Rapids, son of Chas. Stevens, was brought to Saranac Monday. Mr. Stevens died of appendicitis in Grand Rapids on Friday. The funeral was held at the Methodist church and the interment was made in the Saranac cemetery. Mr. Stevens leaves a widow and a mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Dodge and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bemis motored to Belding Sunday to visit Mrs. Glenn Wash-nich.

Mrs. F. W. Braley, who has been quite ill for three weeks, is recovering. Her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Howard Payne, of Flint is staying with her.

James Stewart is leaving Tuesday for Saksatchewan, where he expects to invest in new farm lands.

Miss Fern Trieweller of Grand Rapids spent last week with Mrs. Mark Farrington.

PARNELL

Lieut. F. J. Toohy is spending a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Toohy.

Miss Vina Moffatt of Kent City is spending a week with Miss Catherine Toohy.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kehoe is quite sick.

Talks on Thrift

The Thrift Habit

The trouble with a great many people is they expect to acquire good habits in old age, while they spend most of their youth in cultivating bad ones. It is so easy to postpone doing the things that are hard until to-morrow, and so easy to drift along to-day. Not only is Hell paved with good intentions, but the pathway of the average man is strewn with the wrecks of good intentions. The whole scheme of right living contemplates that man should not put off until to-morrow the things he should do to-day.

One of the habits we hope to acquire some time is the habit of thrift. This habit often comes late in life—not always from choice but often from necessity. Having satisfied habits that are destructive, when the passions are burned out of a decaying mind and body, men find themselves more or less free from temptations, and mistake a flickering flame for a ripening virtue. Any habit which is forced is likely to find itself in an unhealthy environment, and becomes meaningless in its practice.

Before you can practice a virtue, you must desire the results which that virtue brings, and understand the process through which it comes. Many a man has gone to his doom because he hoped to stop drinking, or spending, or gambling, some day, but his hope never got to the point of action.

Frequently you will find standing alone, or in groups, on a wind-swept plain trees with no branches on what the sailor would call the "windward side," and leaning sharply in the direction in which the wind blows. This has been no sudden process. For years the north wind has blown gently or fiercely against the tree, so that little by little it became distorted in shape, until it has become its habit to grow lopsided.

No bad habit is acquired in an instant—it is a subtle process, little by little becoming so fixed that the nature becomes distorted, like the tree, battling in vain against an adverse wind.

If this habit of thrift is to be a wholesome, sweet, and fruitful one, it must be acquired while the body is healthy, and the mind vigorous. It must not be a dying reformation. Its best work can be done when the earning power is greatest, the resisting power strongest, and the future, it may be, afar off.

No man ever becomes a spendthrift at a single leap. The wasteful habits which he allows to grow become so fixed that, struggle as he may, and wish as hard as he might, he cannot change his nature. Old age may compel thriftiness because there is nothing more to waste, but the saddest commentary on human life is to find at the close nothing stored up of energy, money, or property, for which the best years of life have been given.

Thrift is a composite virtue. It includes the desirable attributes of economy, self-denial and saving; but it is no relative to niggardiness or meanness. The man who would let his grandmother starve is not a thrifty man but a brute. Any virtue carried to extremes becomes undesirable and no longer a virtue. The thrift that does not make a man charitable sours into avarice. Thrift means better homes, better citizens, more comforts, more enjoyment, little waste, little anxiety, peace. Out of it grows productive energy, steady courage, opportunity, independence, self respect, aimfulness in life, manhood. It is the one material habit that has no shady side. It is acquired little by little—a steady pressure (in the right direction) until it becomes second nature to save and thrift becomes a habit.

And if you have more money than you know what to do with, any of your old friends will be glad to advise you.

Nobody has ever been able to get a corner on vanity, ignorance or general cussedness.

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SHILOH

Mr. and Mrs. Sheets of Battle Creek are visiting at the home of J. D. Waldron.

Mrs. Falkner visited at Mrs. Mike-sell's Thursday.

There was a family reunion of the Minier family held at Woodard Lake Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Minier of Grand Rapids came to attend. A reunion of the Robertson family

was held at Woodard Lake Tuesday. There were about sixty in attendance.

Mr. Marshall of Ionia is building a fine cottage at Long Lake. The cottages at the lake are well filled with pleasure seekers most of the time.

WOLVERTON PLAINS

Mrs. Oscar Skinner and two daughters of Gowan visited Mrs. Lillie Sunday.

C. C. Ballinger of Traverse City visited his farm here Wednesday.

Arthur B. Wise, wife and son were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wise, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harlow and mother, Mrs. Lovegran, called on Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wise Sunday. Charles Anderson of Stanton was also a caller their Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Green of Grand Rapids visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green over Sunday.

Everybody is getting ready for the big picnic at Baldwin lake, Thursday.

BUY AT HOME DEPARTMENT

ALWAYS DEAL WITH YOUR responsible merchants for dry goods. We can compete with anyone anywhere, and we stand back of all our goods every time. See us first. E. C. Lloyd.

WHEN IT COMES TO SHOES our line will suit you as we carry only the best grades and our prices are right. We are boosters for Belding and Home Trade. Orlo Morse, Shoe Store.

LOOK UP YOUR PANAMA HAT—have it cleaned—will save you money. You will soon need it. Don't forget we doctor up your sick clothes, too, and make suits to order. Burt Curtis, 111 W. Main St.

IF YOU NEED LADDERS OF any kind, extension and plain, any length, see us before you buy. We have an excellent assortment Belding Lumber Co.

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HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ASKED—have you a bank account? What a difference it will make to say yes. Your credit is established at once. We pay interest on savings accounts. See us. Peoples' Savings Bank.

OUR MOTTO IS TO LIVE AND let live; our prices and fair treatment will win your confidence and patronage. We are firm believers in Home Trading. Our interests are mutual. See us. Belding Hardware Co.

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JUST STOP AND THINK WHEN it is hardware, stoves, paints and sporting goods, plumbing, heating, our store is in Belding and every dollar you spend at home helps the town. T. Frank Ireland Co.

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MAKE UP YOUR ORDER FOR groceries but don't send it to a mail order house. We can beat their prices every time. We stand back of our goods. W. L. Covert, 402 So. Bridge street.

THE RECALL STORES ARE ALL reliable and leaders in drug lines. See our large stock of wall paper. You don't have to pay for any you don't use. Harry J. Connell.

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DON'T BE A RAINBOW CHAS-er; you will find a pot of gold at our store if you select your watches and jewelry here. Fine watch and clock repairing a specialty. M. L. Willoughby, Jeweler.

A TRIUMVIRATE OF REAL EVILS

Copyrighted, 1914, by Thomas J. Sullivan.] Weather, books and roads contribute largely to the influences of rural life. Bad weather and bad roads mean—books.

And books they say are the light-houses erected in the great sea of time. They are masters who instruct us without rods or ferules, without words or anger, without bread or money. If you approach them they are not asleep. If you seek them they do not hide. If you blunder they do not scold. If you are ignorant they do not laugh.

But the worst robber in all the world is a bad book. It has long been the devil's policy to keep the masses of mankind in ignorance; but, finding that they will read, he is doing all in his power to poison their books. Now, let's see what our rural friend is reading. Oh, rata rata! Oh, book without parallel in the history of commercial destruction! "The book" is a huge pictorial, tricolored retail catalogue.

The catalogues of mail order houses are a kind of leaky boat on the waters of temptation; some of the temptation will get in anyhow.

Spend \$150,000,000.

This country today has about 2,250,000 miles of public highway, on which it is estimated that the people of the country are spending \$150,000,000 annually. Statistics say we also spend \$2,000,000,000 for alcohol, \$9,000,000,000 for tobacco, and it is said that the ladies spend \$385,000,000 yearly for candy. If all this money could be appropriated for road building we could have a turnpike to the moon.

The principal cause of the Roman empire's downfall was its neglect of agriculture—the exodus of its men and women from the farm to the city, the life there to be spent in extravagant and riotous living. Go to any of our cities today and view the extravagant dress and general trend of life for pleasure and you will feel that the old Roman times are being repeated.

It would seem that the remedy lies in building good roads, narrow if advisable, but firm and hard, and have them all lead to your trading center and to the doors of your local merchants. Then on gloomy, rainy days you can do your marketing, and then "back to the farm" without sacrifice to self or injury to beast.

Nothing tends to make a man a good citizen so much as co-operation with his fellows. No man can live for himself alone. Selfishness leads nowhere but to destruction, strife, bad feeling and disorder. It is one of the meanest of all the vices.

The farmer and the town consumer who patronize the retail catalogue houses also assist materially in the destruction of the local market and trading center. This practice of sending local money to out of town merchants is a dangerous habit.

STOP AND CONSIDER THIS IF every consumer of flour would buy at home what it would mean to Belding. Our mills are here and our Moss Rose brand is guaranteed. E. E. Chapple & Co.

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GIVE US A CHANCE FIRST. Our prices on groceries will keep your money in Belding, besides you are not taking chances. We are boosters for Belding. E. E. Hudson, Grocer.

JUST INSIST ON HAVING YOUR bread order come from home bakeries. It keeps your money at home and helps your town. Our grocery line will suit you. Frank H. Hudson.

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BUY YOUR CLOTHING AND Shoes here and we will see that you always get as much or more than the same money will buy elsewhere. The Hub.

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